

APPENDIX II. Numbers of confirmed and unconfirmed large whale mortality and serious injury ('SI') events reported along the U.S. Gulf coasts, the U.S. East coast and adjacent Canadian Maritimes from 1997 - 2001, including a break down of the number of events attributed to entanglement and/or collision with a vessel.

Species	Total number of events ¹	Entanglements			Vessel Collisions		
		Total number of events ² (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)	Confirmed mortalities ³ (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)	Confirmed SI's ⁴ (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)	Total number of events ⁵ (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)	Confirmed mortalities ⁶ (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)	Confirmed SI's
Right whale	46	32 (7, 4, 7, 10, 4)	3 (0, 0, 1, 0, 2)	3 (2, 0, 0, 1, 0)	7 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2)	4 (1, 0, 1, 0, 2)	0
Humpback whale ⁷	115	62 (3, 18, 10, 17, 12)	7 (0, 3, 1, 0, 3)	10 (0, 3, 2, 5, 0)	12 (2, 1, 0, 2, 7)	4 (1, 0, 0, 0, 3)	0
Fin whale	40	12 (5, 3, 2, 0, 2)	2 (0, 1, 0, 0, 1)	1 (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)	11 (3, 2, 2, 1, 3)	7 (1, 1, 2, 1, 2)	0
Sei whale	2	0	0	0	1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)	1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)	0
Blue whale	1	0	0	0	1 (0, 1, 0, 0, 0)	1 (0, 1, 0, 0, 0)	0
Minke whale	68	27 (6, 2, 8, 6, 5)	14 (4, 1, 5, 1, 3)	1 (0, 0, 0, 1, 0)	4 (1, 2, 1, 0, 0)	1 (0, 1, 0, 0, 0)	0
Unidentified whale	50	20 (4, 6, 4, 2, 6)	0	0	1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)	0	0

¹ Includes all large whale events, both confirmed and unconfirmed, as well as strandings attributed to natural or unknown causes. It should be noted that the sum of the entanglement and vessel collision totals will not equal the values found in this column because events caused by natural or unknown causes are included here. In a few instances, a single event was attributed to both entanglement and vessel collision, and was therefore included in both the entanglement and vessel collision tallies.

² Includes both confirmed and unconfirmed events of live entangled whales, as well as dead whales found with gear attached or indications that gear had been on the whale near the time of death. Whales with healed entanglement marks were not included. Numbers in parentheses are tallies for 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000, respectively.

³ Includes only events with substantiated evidence that entanglement was the cause of death.

⁴ Includes only events with substantiated evidence that the injury from entanglement is likely to lead to the whale's death.

⁵ Includes both confirmed and unconfirmed reports of vessel collisions with live whales, as well as recovered carcasses with some evidence of collision with a vessel.

⁶ Includes only events with substantiated evidence that collision with a vessel was the cause of death.

⁷ Includes all reported humpback events, including an unknown portion of whales not from the Gulf of Maine stock.

